

MARVEL

59

THE NEW AVENGERS



BENDIS
IMMONEN
VON GRAWBADGER
McCAIG

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping task force, which includes his own team of Avengers.

The Hood has been running a syndicate of powerful criminals but has disappeared since losing his powers. Loki, the god of mischief, has offered The Hood a way to reclaim his power: The Asgardian Norn Stones.

But certain members of the Hood's syndicate, led by Doctor Jonas Harrow, have decided to strike out on their own with top secret technology that can siphon away super-powers. As a show of good will they turn over the tech to Osborn, but not before the New Avengers escape, desperate to help their ailing teammate Luke Cage.

The New Avengers run to the hero-friendly Night Nurse for assistance, but she is unable to help due to Cage's unbreakable skin. Meanwhile, Osborn has surrounded the building.

With one last gasp of selflessness, Cage gives himself up to Osborn's custody and medical facilities, allowing his teammates the chance to escape...



**BRIAN
MICHAEL BENDIS**
WRITER

**STUART
IMMONEN**
PENCILS

**WADE von
GRAWBADGER**
INKS

**DAVE
MCCAIG**
COLORS

**RS & COMICRAFT'S
ALBERT DESCHESNE**
LETTERING

**IMMONEN
& MCCAIG**
COVER ART

**REV. PAUL
ACERIOS**
PRODUCTION

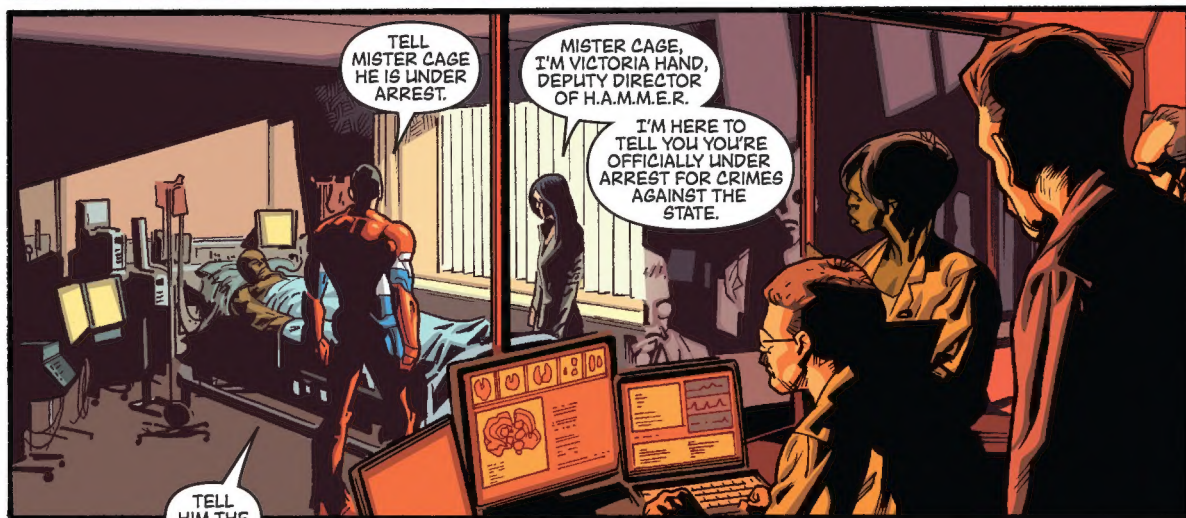
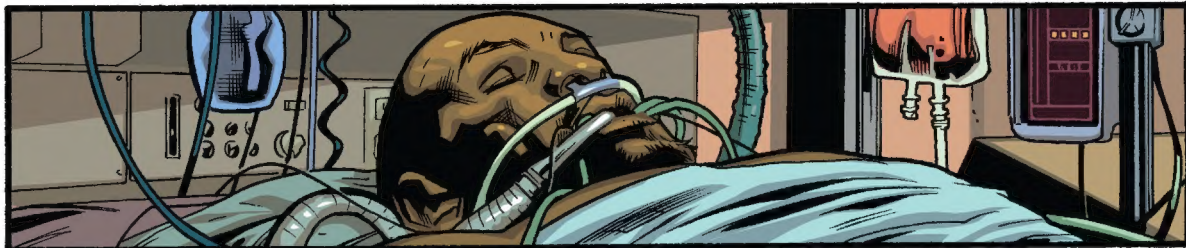
**LAUREN
SANKOVITCH**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**TOM
BREVOORT**
EDITOR

**JOE
QUESADA**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

**DAN
BUCKLEY**
PUBLISHER

**ALAN
FINE**
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



AVENGERS HIDEOUT.
FRIDAY NIGHT.

MS. MARVEL

OKAY...

YOU WANT TO
KNOW HOW WE'RE
GETTING LUKE CAGE
OUT OF OSBORN'S
CLENCHED FIST?

YOU WANT
TO KNOW THE
PLAN? THE PLAN
IS THIS:

WE
GO GET
HIM.

NOW
TELL THEM
HOW...

SPIDER-MAN

WILSON FISK,
THE KINGPIN, FOR
YEARS WOULD START
SOME KIND OF HOOPLA
ON ONE SIDE
OF TOWN.

HE'D TOSS OUT
THE STILT-MAN OR
THE OWL OR SOME
SHENANIGANS
AT US...

ME,
DAREDEVIL, THE
PUNISHER...

AND HE'D
DISTRACT
US.

WE'D RUN *OVER*
THERE TO PUT OUT THE
FIRE, MEANWHILE, HE'S
GOT SOMETHING GOING
ON SOMEWHERE *ELSE*.
SOMETHING *BIG*.

LIKE A DRUG
SHIPMENT THE
SIZE OF ALL GET
OUT. WE'RE FIGHTING
OVER THOUSANDS...
HE'S MAKING
MILLIONS.

IT WAS *ALL*
PLANNED. ALL IN OUR
HONOR. AND IT
WORKED.

UNTIL WE
FIGURED IT OUT. AND
EVEN THEN...

CAPTAIN AMERICA

A
LOOKY
LOO.

MOCKINGBIRD

THE AVENGERS
ARE GOING TO BE PUT
ON A SHOW.

WE'RE GOING
TO MAKE A
SPECTACLE.

WE'RE GOING
TO GIVE HIM THE
THROWDOWN WITH
US HE SO BADLY
WANTS.

MEANWHILE...

LOOKY
LOO.

EXACTLY.

RONIN

SPIDER-WOMAN

AND I'LL TELL YA,
I'LL BE THE FIRST TO
ADMIT, I DIDN'T THINK
A PLAN LIKE THIS
COULD WORK.

I DIDN'T
THINK WE HAD
THE MANPOWER
TO PULL IT
OFF.

THERE'S
ONLY THE
HANDFUL OF US
AGAINST ALL OF
THEM.

AND, I MEAN,
IF THE AVENGERS ARE
OVER THERE DOING THIS
LOOKY LOO, WHO'S
GETTING LUKE?

BUT THEN I
REMEMBERED...

JESSICA JONES-CAGE

YOU DON'T
@#\$^ WITH LUKE
CAGE.



DOCTOR VOODOO

BECAUSE
LUKE CAGE HAS
FRIENDS.

LUKE CAGE
HAS BEEN THE MAN
TO A LOT OF PEOPLE
FOR A VERY
LONG TIME.

MISTY KNIGHT

AND NEVER
ASKED FOR A
DAMN THING.

NOTHIN'.

THE THING

AND THERE'S
NO WAY IN HELL
WE'RE LETTING HIM
GO DOWN LIKE
THIS.

IRON FIST

HELLCAT

VALKYRIE

IT *WILL* NOT
HAPPEN.

SO WHAT'S
THE PLAN,
EXACTLY?

DAREDEVIL

DOCTOR STRANGE

"WELL, FIRST
WE HAVE TO
FIND LUKE.

"AND WE CAN ALL
AGREE THERE IS NO
WAY OSBORN HAS HIM
IN AVENGERS TOWER.

"BECAUSE OSBORN
KNOWS MANY OF US
KNOW THAT BUILDING
PRETTY WELL. WE
USED TO LIVE THERE...

"SO THERE'S *NO WAY*
HE'D PUT HIM SOMEWHERE
WE MAY HAVE A WAY INTO
THAT HE DOESN'T
EVEN KNOW ABOUT.

"NO.

"NO,
WE START
WITH HIS
HELICARRIER
OF EVIL."

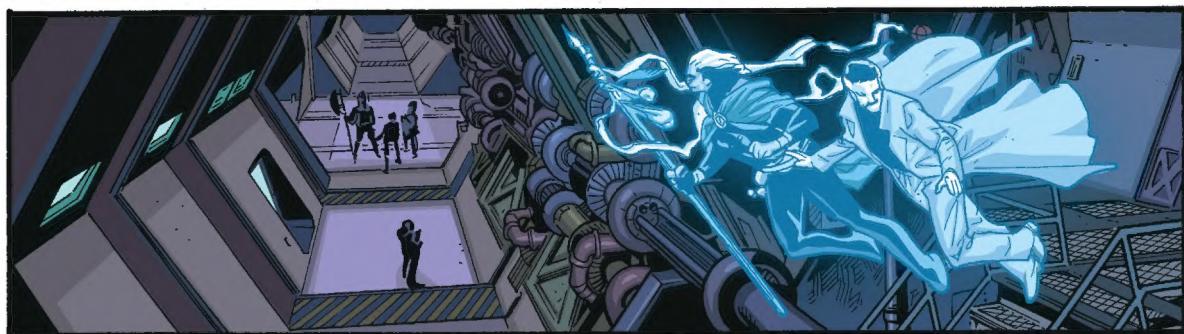
"IS THAT WHAT
WE'RE CALLING IT?"

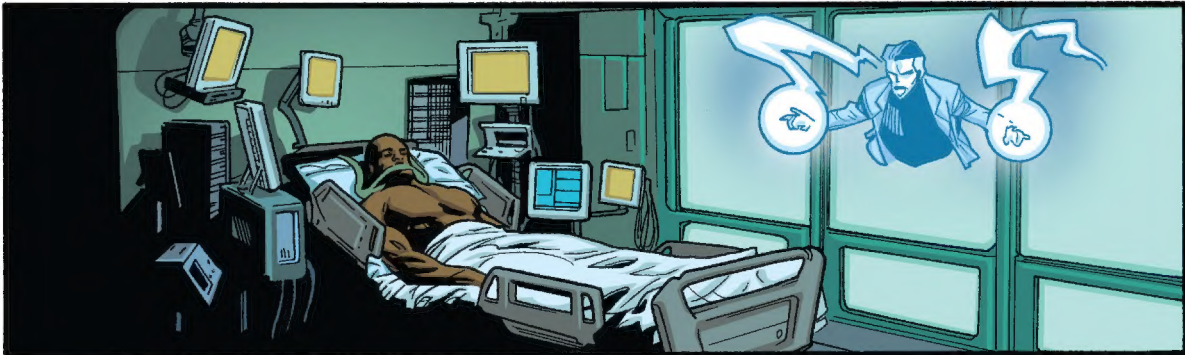
"FOCUS."

"IT'S THE MOST FORTIFIED THING IN
HIS ARSENAL. HIS ARMY IS THERE. HIS
ARMOR IS THERE. IT'S THE BEST BET."

"AND HOW DO WE DO
RECON ON THE MOST
FORTIFIED THING
IN HIS ARSENAL?"

"MAGIC."







BUT?

BUT HE IS NOT OUT OF THE WOODS.

OH GOD.

I'M NOT TRYING TO SCARE YOU, JESSICA. HE IS A STRONG MAN. A VERY STRONG MAN.

AND HIS VITALS ARE GOOD. THE HEART SURGERY WAS A SUCCESS.

BUT IT'S ONLY HALF THE BATTLE.

SO THEY DID OPERATE ON HIM?

THEY DID. HE'S HEALING.

LET'S GO GET HIM! NO FANCY STUFF. LET'S JUST GO!

JESSICA... "NO FANCY STUFF" GETS US ALL IN TROUBLE. "NO FANCY STUFF" DOESN'T WORK.

WE--WE HAVE THE NUMBERS.

WE DON'T, JESS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS HIS LONGSHOT PLAN WORKED. THEY WERE FORCED TO OPERATE ON HIM. THEY SAVED HIS LIFE.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE. THIS IS GOOD.

AND NOW HE'S A PRISONER!

I WAS ABLE TO CAST A SPELL OF GARATIGUNI.

GREAT.

IT'S A BASIC HEALING SPELL. IT'LL HELP GET HIM ON HIS FEET.

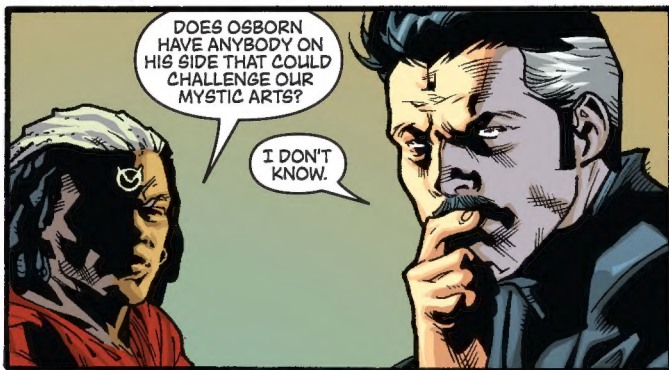
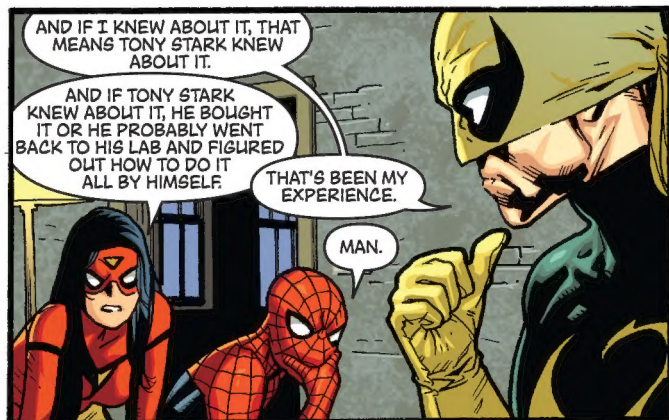
IT'S GOOD STUFF.

... THANK YOU. I'M SORRY, I'M JUST...

IT'S OKAY.

THAT'S GOOD AND ALL BUT I-- DAMN.

IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME-- I THINK I HAVE TO WARN YOU...



CAMP H.A.M.M.E.R., NEW MEXICO.

I NEVER
GET TO YELL
IT.
NOT
ONCE.

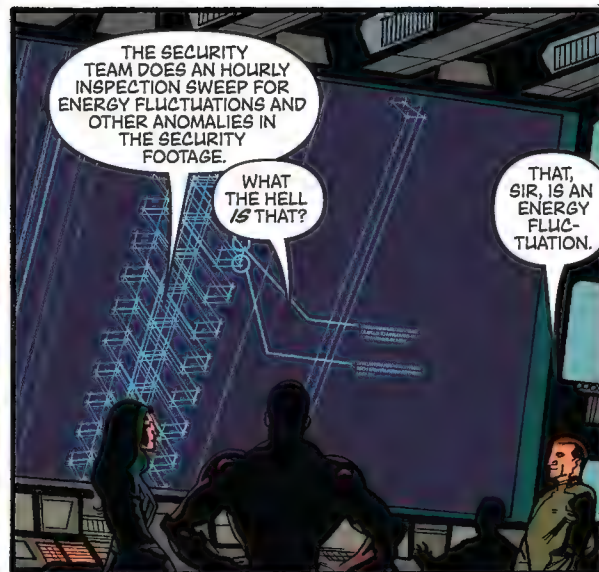
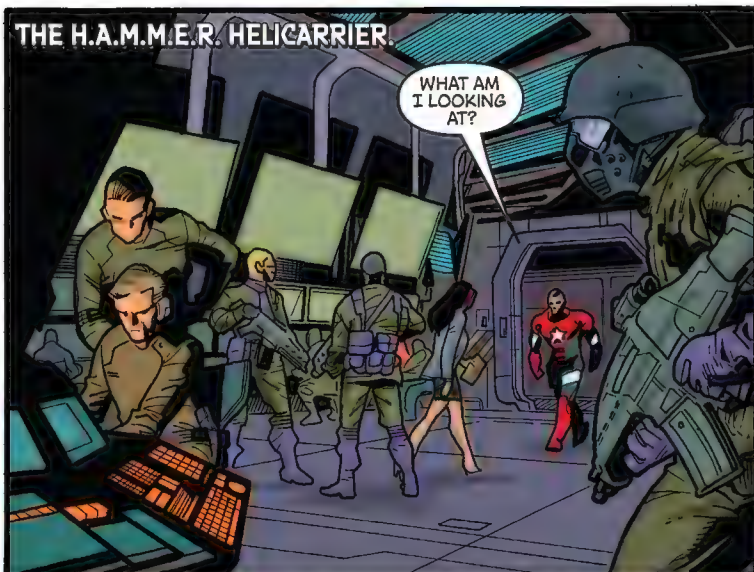
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

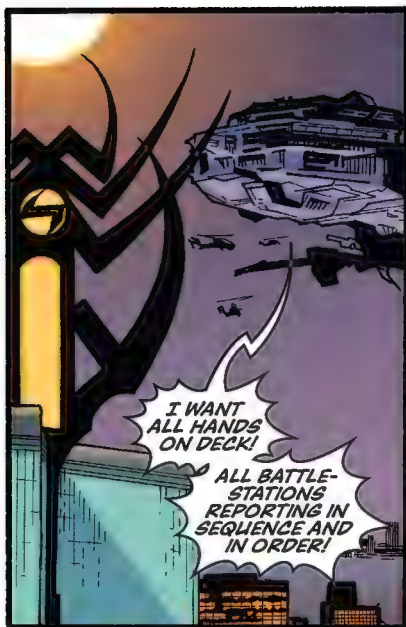
THIS IS
TASKMASTER!
CAMP H.A.M.M.E.R.
IS UNDER
ATTACK.

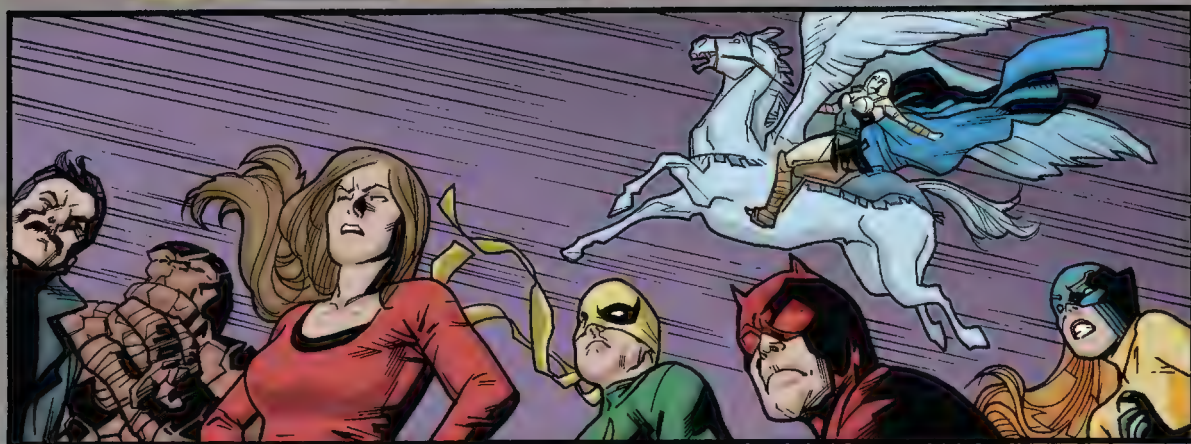
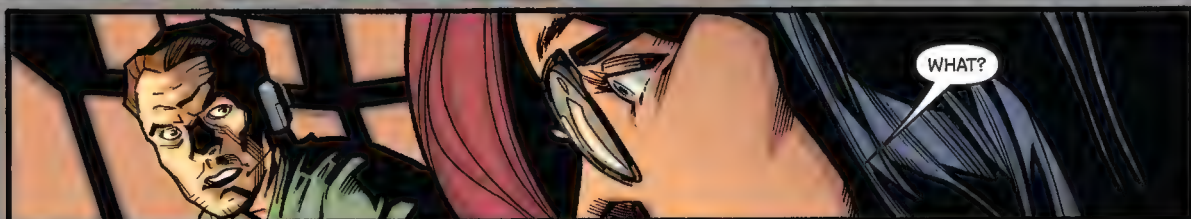
I REPEAT:
WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK!

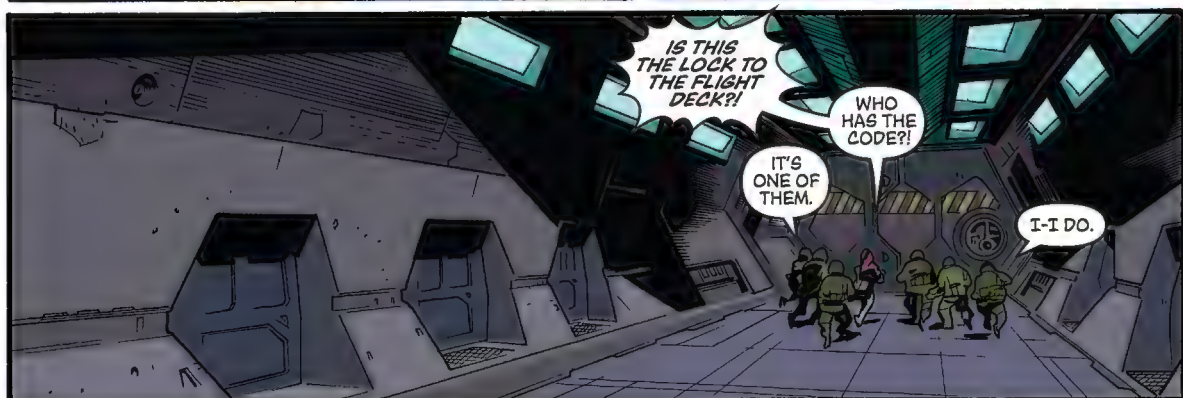
SOMEONE
GET OSBORN
THE @#\$% OUT
OF BED!

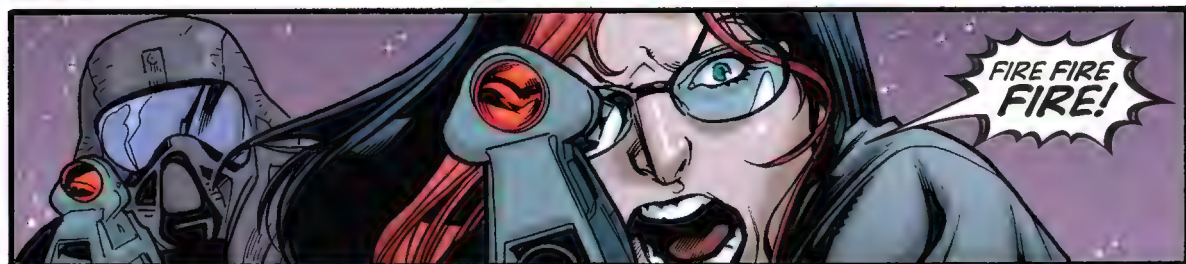
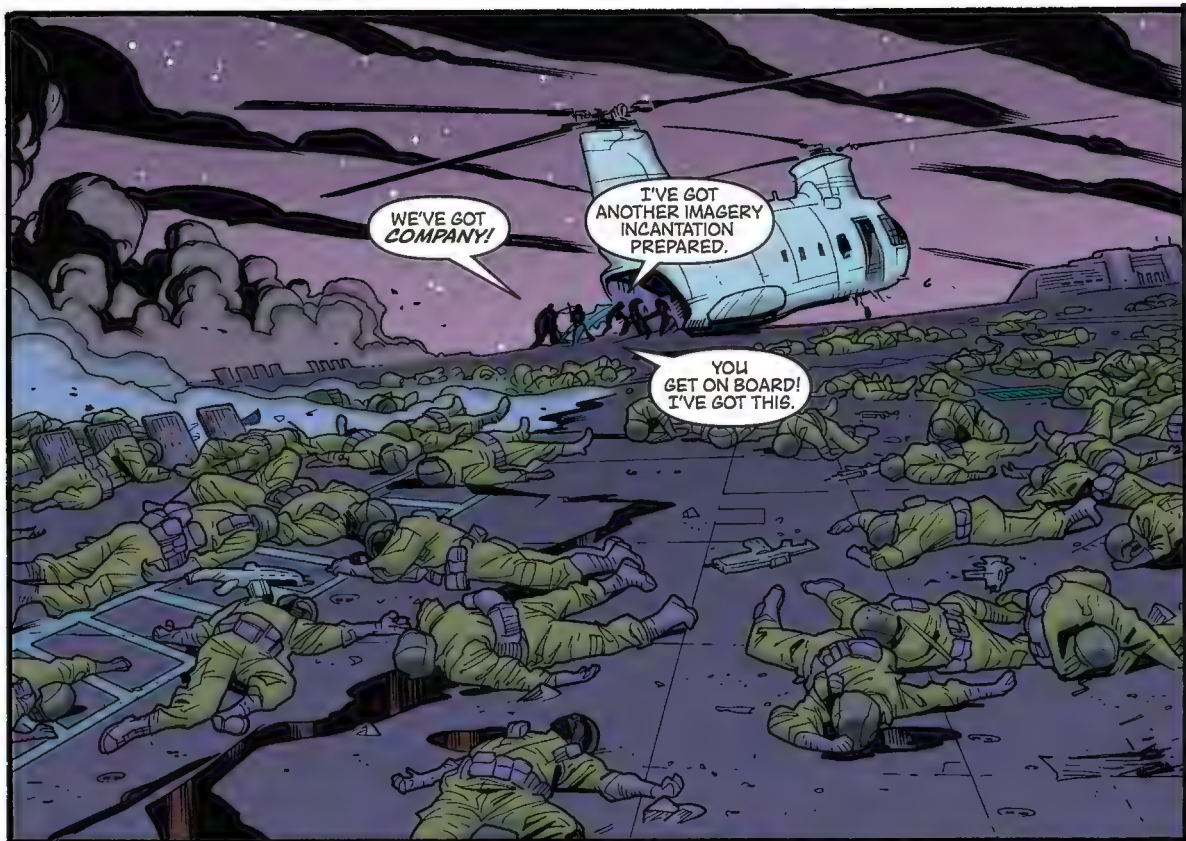


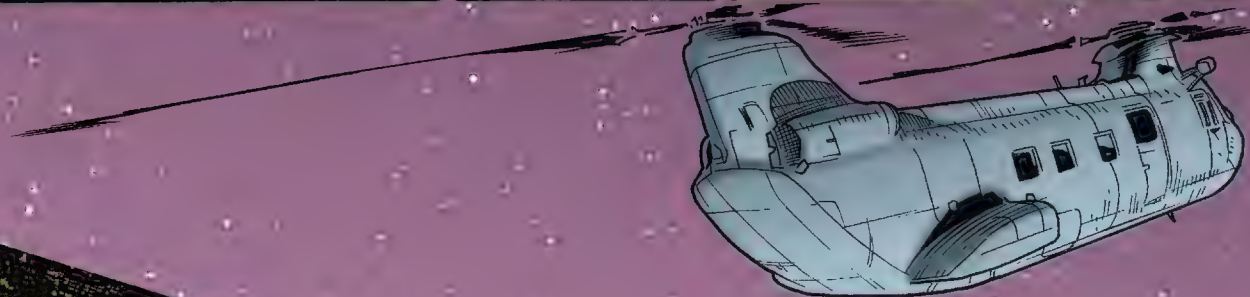
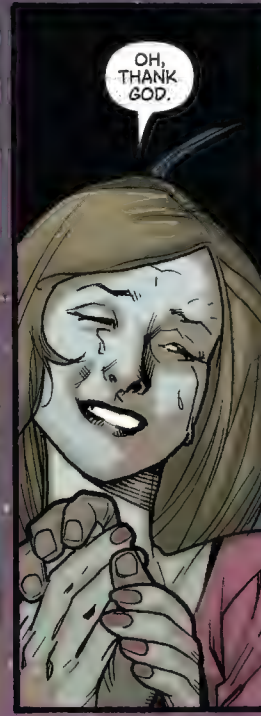
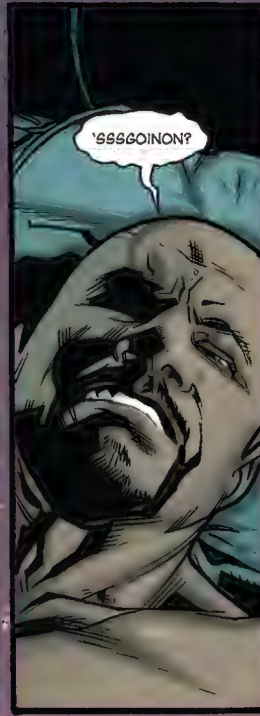
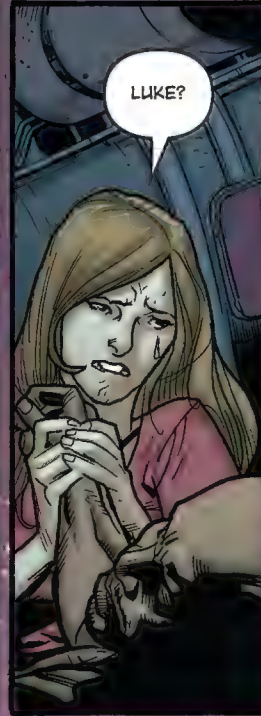




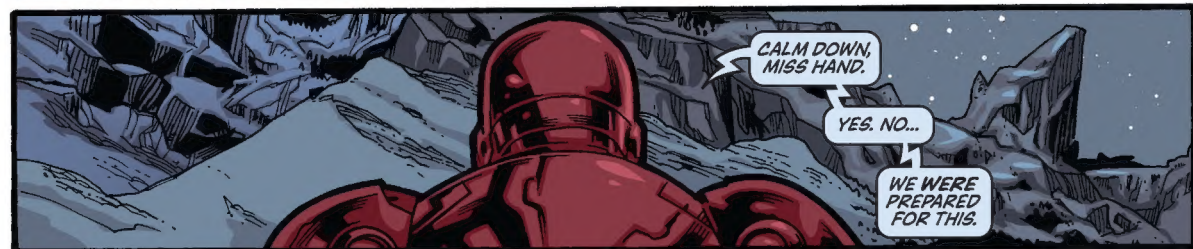


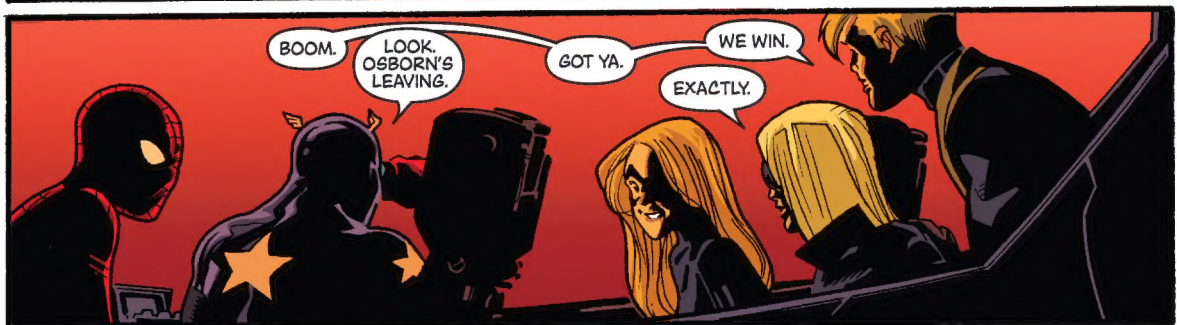
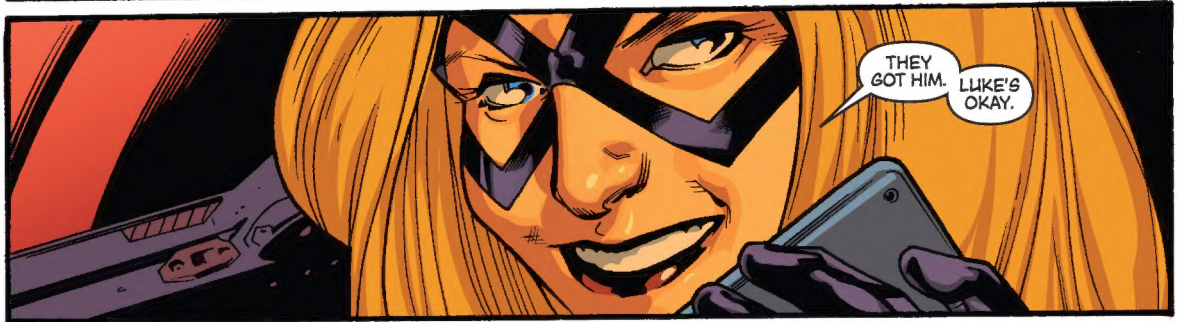
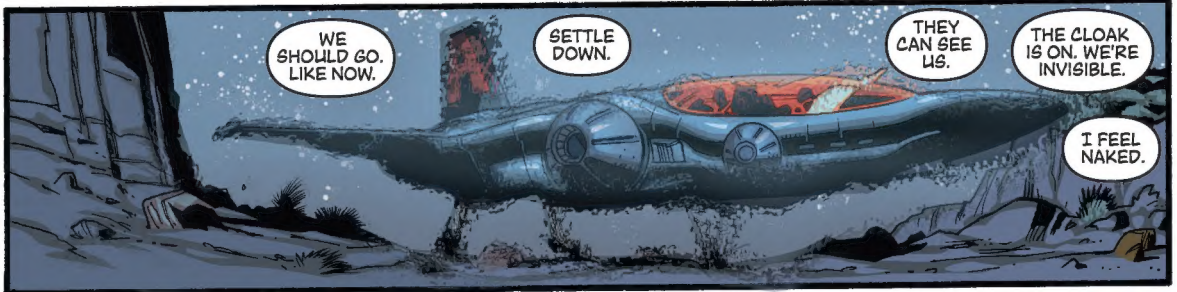


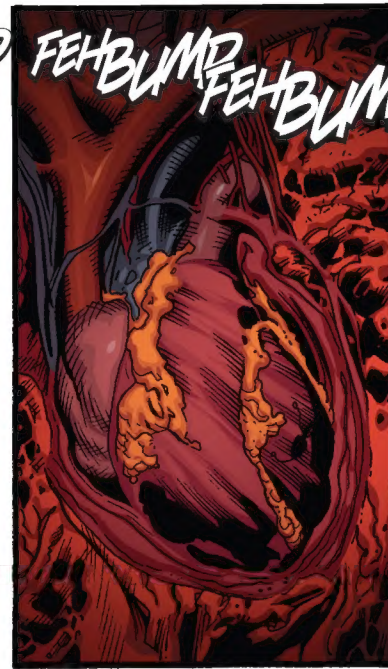




CAMP H.A.M.M.E.R.







TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE!



NEW AVENGERS #60

LUKE CAGE: HERO RETIRED?!



THUNDERBOLTS #138

SCOURGE TAKES CONTROL!



DOCTOR VODOO #3

PREPARE FOR BATTLE!



SPIDER-WOMAN #4

MADAME HYDRA MAKES HER MOVE!